

REMARKS

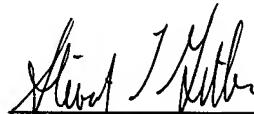
In response to the non-final Official Action dated March 26, 2007, applicant has filed an Amendment to the claims which applicant believes places all the presented claims in a condition for allowance. Claim 1 has rewritten to include the limitation of claim 7 and the combination thereof was deemed to be allowable by the Examiner in the prior Action. Claim 16 and claim 20 have been canceled.

Claim 21, presented and fully supported by the specification, features all the limitations of claim 1 and further includes the limitation that the dumbbell handle extends along a dumbbell longitudinal axis (L) or defines this longitudinal axis as disclosed in paragraph 0012 of the description of the figures, and that the locking elements act on the disks radial in respect to this dumbbell longitudinal axis for locking. The Sresta reference, namely, U.S. Patent No. 5,180,352, as is obvious from its figures, shows the casings 3 of this dumbbell are not made for receiving several weight disks and that the weight disks are also not locked in the casing by locking means acting radial in respect to the dumbbell longitudinal axis on the weight disks on their circumference surface, with the weight disks being accommodated in recesses with edge areas, the recesses being formed on the inner surface of the casing or on a journal located in the interior of the casing. This is best shown in Figures 2 or 4 of the Sresta reference, its casing 3 is designed for receiving only one weight 4, and this weight is locked in the casing by axial forces and not by radial forces. We specifically direct your attention to Figure 2 of this document.

As such, the only new claim which is fully supported in the specification is nowhere disclosed nor suggested by the document of record.

Allowance of the claims as presently on file is respectfully requested. If any questions remain concerning the application, please do not hesitate to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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